

THE INDIANA DRIVER LICENSE

CHAPTER A

PURPOSE: An Indiana drivers license is an identification card issued by the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (hereinafter, the BMV) that indicates the extent of a person's privilege to operate a motor vehicle. Law enforcement officers use the license to identify drivers and access driving records. Individuals also use licenses to prove identity, as for instance when writing checks.

A license may be obtained by making an application at any of the local license branches in this state. Check your phone directory for the nearest license branch. This article of the manual explains the eligibility requirements for the various types of licenses issued by the BMV in detail.

CHAPTER B

WHEN A DRIVER LICENSE IS REQUIRED:

1. **General Rule:** To operate a vehicle in this state a person must have a valid Indiana driver license issued by the BMV applicable to the type of vehicle being operated. Driving a motor vehicle in the State of Indiana is a **privilege** and not a right. New residents to Indiana must obtain a license (and register and title all vehicles) within sixty (60) days of moving to this state. For more information concerning vehicle registration and titling requirements see Article V of this manual.
2. **Exceptions:**
 - a. An individual in military service while operating an official vehicle in that service.
 - b. An individual operating certain specialized construction equipment temporarily on a public road.
 - c. An individual who is not a resident of Indiana and who has a current valid license issued by another state and who meets the minimum age requirements for the equivalent type of Indiana drivers license. *Please note: For licensing purposes, you are considered an Indiana resident even if your*